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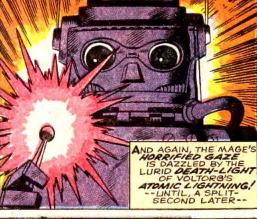




























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ITEM! Here's another in our continuing series of newsworthy tichits which you can very easily live without. Didja know that our mixed-up Marvel mags are ectually reprinted in eight different languages through the globe? And as soon as we learn how to translate into cosmic Kree (In-joke for FF and Capt, Marvel buffst), we'll be making that NINE languages!

ITEM: Oh, speaking of our worldwide Marvel beachheads, we wanna explain something that's been bothering our brain-blasting British boosters. Those of you who've been following our yarms in the famous publications printed by England's Odham's Press have been worried that they'll be replacing our own intitinabilitatin' titles. Well, perish the thought. Pracious One: The Odham's weeklies are simply REPRINTING our older classics (and doing a great job of it, too!) — but all the newest maniacal masterpleces we turn out will be on sale in Great Britain, same as ever, just as fast as we can ship'em over! There now — is there anybody we haven't confused?

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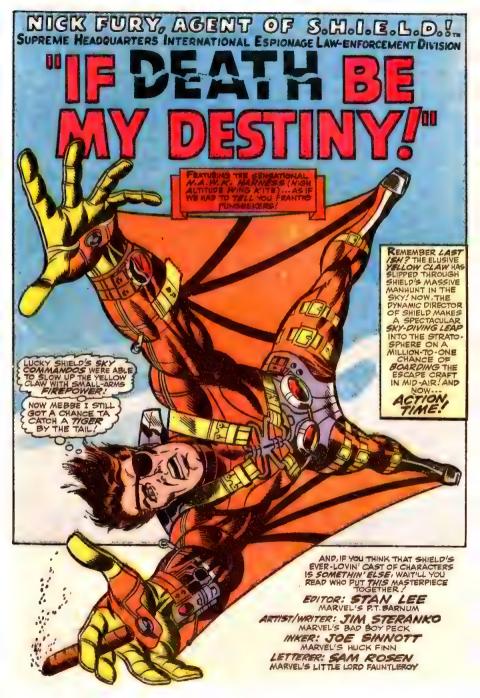
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Dear Stan.

Jim Steranko is great! "Project: Blackout!" parts 1 and 2 were masterpieces. Issue #162 was also an award winner. Dan Adkins must stay on Dr. Strange, and that's an order! Please let him do more, like maybe Spidey! All praise and glory to Jim and Dan! One more comment, Sam Rosen is the greatest letterer ever. He deserves more credit than he gets. Yours till Shield battles the Y.M.C.A. Lee Roy Windsperger, Rt. 1, Box 80 Watertown, Minn.

Groovy, L. R. - 'cause that means we've got you like, forever! Unless . . . hmmmm, SHIELD vs. the "Y," huh? That one we'll keep in mind! As for swingin' Sammy, we couldn't agree more about his liltin' lettering! But then, you could hardly expect less from a guy who loves his work so much he eats alphabet soup just to keep in practice! Oh, and we almost forgot to mention that Jaunty Jim and Dapper Dan send their heartfelt thanks! A few more letters like yours and we may have to start paying them!

Dear Stan.

"So Evil, the Nighti" -- a fitting title for a thrilling story. What impressed me most was Jim Steranko's art. He gets better every issue. With all the wild gadgets and action in these stories, I believe they're the best spy-adventure stories anywhere. Dr. Strange, too, is improving in spite of the frequent artist-writer changes recently. As the general story line improves and the tales become more stirring, Dr. Strange seems to be losing that striking air of mystery he had when he started out. Before I close, and I'm serious, would you know where I could get an amu-let to keep dry as you suggested at the end of the story? Jack Hogston, 1640 Kenwood Trenton, Mich. 48183

Sure thing, tiger! For a measley quarter, you can pick up a genuine amulet - of course, the trip to the little old amulet maker's house in a remote region of Tibet will add slightly to the expense, but what's a paltry few thousand to a true believer like you? We're sorry you feel some of the mystery is slipping out of the Doe's life, but we're not gonna stand still with our heads bowed! Instead, maybe we'll try making the amazing Mr. Adkins draw in a rundown old motel! (The one we have in mind is run by a certain Mr. Hitchcock!) Anyway, stay with us, Jackie - 'cause the best from the House of Ideas is yet to come!



Dear Stan,

I've a few comments to make concerning issue #163. One fan suggested that Dr. Strange fight "a real honest-to-goodness, down-to-earth super-villain." This would be a mistake. Let Thor, Iron Man, Spider-Man, etc. fight the all-powerful super-villains. Dr. Strange was designed to fight supernatural menaces. And I must say he is magnificent. The present Living Tribunal series has me sitting

on the edge of my chair. He's superb just as he is. Fighting the supernatural is what the Ancient One groomed him for. To change now would be to tarnish the memory of the A. O. and his accomplishments. Incidentally, the artwork and story of #163 were excellent. The end of Nebulous was dramatically depicted.

Shirley Gorman, 230 N. 25 Mile Ave. Hereford, Tex. 79045

We can't knock a statement like that, Shirl - not that we'd ugant to, anyway! And we certainly want to add that we're with you all the way when it comes to who everybody's favorite Master of the Mystic Aris should fight it out with! What's more, judging from the mountains of mail we've received, Marveldom assembled is in almost unanimous agreement! So fear not, faithful one - when the bell rings for a fisticust, Doc Strange'll come out chanting instead of clobbering!



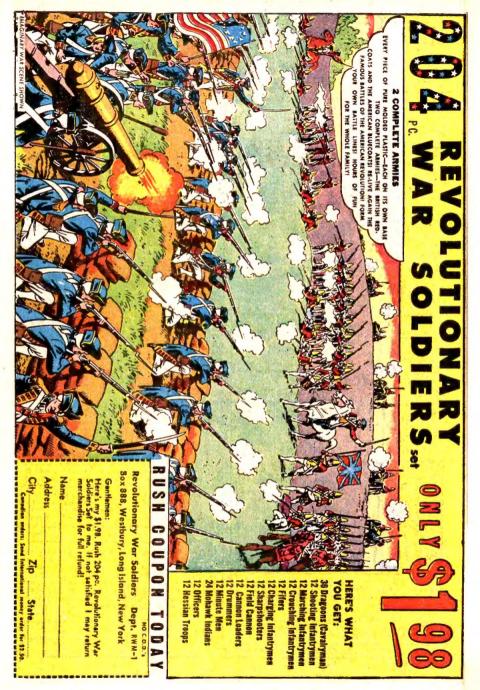
Dear Stan,

Issue #163 was fantastic with great plots and art, but write not to compliment you but to give wonderful Marvel a helping hand. In one letter a reader asked you to explain why, in issue #160, Fury said that Hydra Island was a pushover compared to this job when the story was supposed to have taken place in 1965 and the Hydra affair happened in 1967. The answer is simple—Nick Fury was retelling the story and to relate more vividly the action and danger that transpired there, he used a recent event that was known by the listeners to convey that action to the listeners. However, you said that you would give a no-prize to the reader who could get you out of the mess. I suggest that you do not send me one of your expensive no-prizes, and, instead, that the entire Bullpen have a steak dinner compliments of yours truly.

Rickey Dunkum, 114 Greenmount Ave. Hagerstown, Md. 21740

And we did just that, Rick! The only problem was, when we finished the meal, the manager wouldn't accept your no-credit card! But, don't worry about it cause the old Honest One is washing dishes for the rest of the gang! And, just to prove there aren't any hard feelings, we're gonna dig deep down into our treasury and come up with enough money to send you a no prize, anyway! Now, if you'll excuse us, it's time to take Forbush some more hand lotion! Believe us, there's no dove in the restaurant kitchen he's working in!

NEXT ISH: At last, the final deadly showdown between SHIELD and the sinister Yellow Claw! (Sure, we know that was supposed to take place this ish, but supervillains don't always adhere to a strict timetable!) And, as if that weren't enough, Jaunty Jim Steranko has promtsed that this tintingabulatin' tale will feature mighty Marvel's first venture into psychedelic artwork! As for Doc' Strange, he'll be up to his clock of levitation in trouble as he enters a dread dimension of terror to rescue Victoria Bentleyl This one's a dynamite double-feature from cover to cover, so don't dare miss it!



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